

EDITORIAL

BRAINSTORMS
With Ferrin Cox

Last weekend we spent Thursday through Sunday at a Gulf Shores press association convention. We agree that it is tough work but someone must do it. As we were getting close to our destination, already in Baldwin County, the weather got bad, at least to those of us accustomed to drought conditions. It was blundering and the lightning was flashing, the rain was pouring down, etc. The ditches were full of water and it was observed that there was more rain during that short time that has been seen in Elba, Alabama all year long. That could be a bit too loose with the truth, but there was a lot of rain in a very short time.

This being an election year, our readers can imagine how many politicians showed up to greet that gaggle of newspaper editors and publishers. They seem to come out of the woodwork during these gatherings around voting times. There are so many that the discussions are about those who don't attend! It may sound as if we are complaining, but actually we kinda like getting them all in one pile while we sort out just who are our favored candidates. They first showed up on Friday, apparently not knowing that some committee meetings were taking place on Thursday. Then Saturday others appeared and finished out the convention with us, even paying the too high prices for the banquet meals, just as we did.

A highlight (or maybe the highlight) of our convention was a noon Saturday address by noted author Katherine Tucker Windham. Now those of you who have never heard her talks have missed a treat. She talked about - well about her life with all its ups and downs. This lady has been retired many years but is still full of life, a life she obvious continues to enjoy.

Of course our newspaper friends joke about how we can get connections with so many people, either personally or through family members. We say we know "mama and them" and they roll their eyes again. Those friends thought they had us with Mrs. Windham until she announced her "Cousin Noah Tucker" was born in Elba during the 1929 flood. Most locals know the story of the baby born in the upstairs room of downtown Elba where his mother was stranded during that infamous flood. Those were the same friends who snickered when we talked with a restaurant waitress Thursday about her grandparents who lived in Kinston.

A recent state audit indicates Coffee County is short a bit of money in the solid waste collection account. Actually when digging into the matter it seems the special audit was done at the request of county officials. We bristled a bit Monday when they didn't want to release the details of the audit but cooled down a bit Tuesday after being convinced that the audit is still on-going and not ready for release. We are, on record with county officials as wanting the results as soon as they are legally released to the state auditors.

Elba Police Report

The Elba Police Department, beginning Monday, July 17, 2006, investigated the following incidents: one for domestic violence, one for damage to property, one for unlawful entry, one for theft of property, one for loud noise, one for unauthorized use of a motor vehicle, one for identity theft and one for burglary.

The following arrests were made: one for domestic violence, one for theft of property, one for contempt of court, one for failure to pay and one for sexual abuse.

Traffic citations issued during the week were as follows: twenty-one for not wearing a seat belt, one for an expired tag, twelve for speeding, four for no insurance, one for an open container, two for a suspended driver's license and one for improper equipment.

Daily activity highlights for the week were as follows: MONDAY, JULY 17 - Coffee County EMS dispatched to 1449 Smith Ave. (11:23 a.m.); Coffee County EMS dispatched to 985 Hwy. 203 (11:44 a.m.).

TUESDAY, JULY 18 - Disturbance reported at 856 Troy Hwy. (4:26 p.m.); Coffee County EMS dispatched to Hwy. 84 W (6:04 p.m.).

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Dear Editor,

We have been looking for my grandfather's grave as we ordered his military plaque thinking that it was only right he have it. However, when it came in, the funeral home went out to put it on and they couldn't find his grave. I would like to see if anyone knows where he is physically buried and who might be willing to show the funeral home the spot to which James "Horace" Stanton, son of Benjamin "Frank" Stanton and Sally Ann Goff Stanton, all of Elba, Coffee County, Alabama, was laid to rest for eternity. His date of birth is July 5, 1909 and date of death is July 12, 1969.

My father, Horace's only known son, was in Japan at the time of his death and it is my understanding that my grandma, Johnnie Lee Hussey Stanton Prestidge, Horace's ex-wife, did not inform anyone of his death for years. Anyway, no one we know in the family knows of his burial place in the Zion Chapel Cemetery.

I have James Horace Stanton's birth and death

records and trust me it has taken us years to find anyone who knew where he died and to learn that he was buried by the military. Then, it took more time to get his military information because they were destroyed in a fire or flood but with the help of Hayes Funeral Home, we have some military information and they ordered his plaque and it is now in hand. So, after six months of trying to find someone in the family who might know where he is buried, I am hoping that someone in your community might be able to help.

If you have any information please call (334) 897-2225 or write: Taryn L. Stanton Gowin P.O. Box 75021 Oklahoma City, Oklahoma 73147

Thanks for your help,
Taryn L. Stanton Gowin

Dear Editor,
We live in a disposable culture of fast food and instant celebrities. So it is good and reaffirming to find something or

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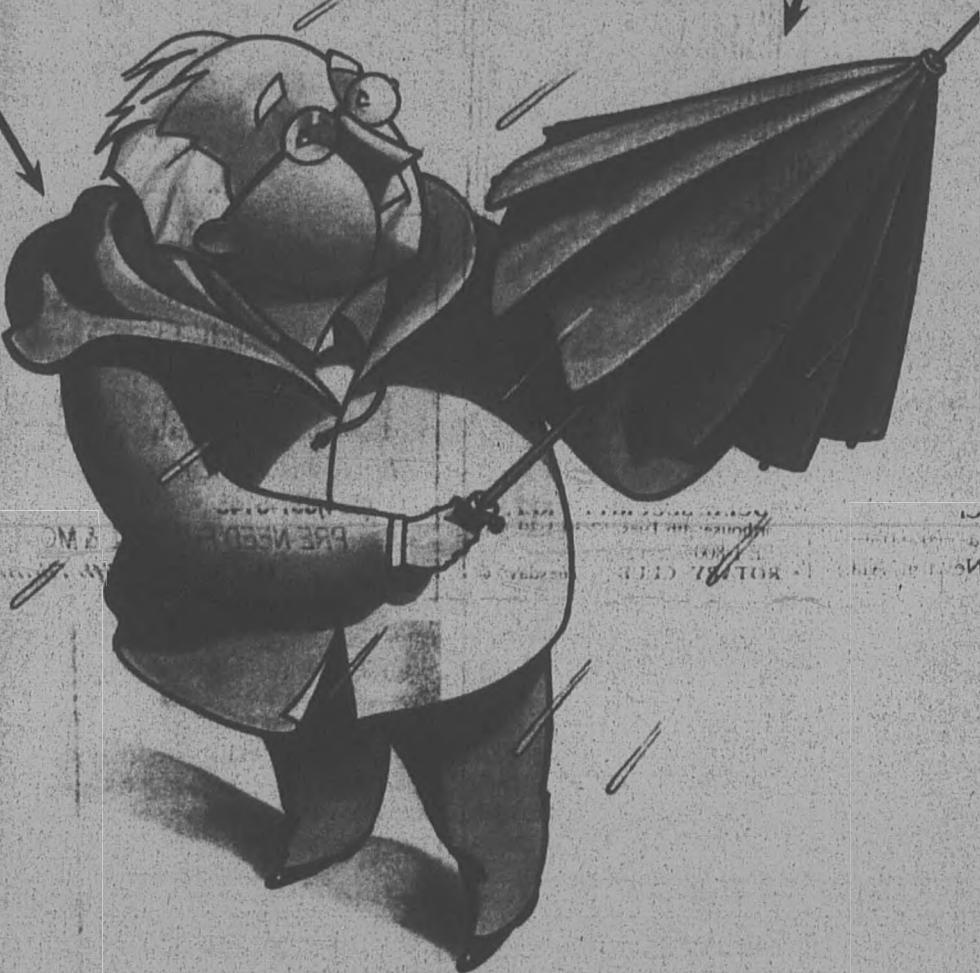
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Obituaries

IRIS
MCCOLLOUGH
SPURLIN McDOWELL

Mrs. Iris McCollough Spurlin McDowell, age 91, of Elba, Ala., died Thursday, July 20, 2006 at the Elba Nursing Home.

Graveside services were held July 21, 2006 at Evergreen Cemetery with George Bryan, elder of the Elba Church of Christ officiating. Burial followed with Hayes Funeral Home directing.

Mrs. McDowell was preceded in death by her mother, Lula Tew McCollough, and her father, Mathew Franklin McCollough and her daughter, Alice Marie Thomas.

Survivors include her granddaughter: Charlotte Thomas Wright, Montgomery, Ala.; two great-granddaughters: Ashley Marie Wright and Judith Rae Wright, both of Montgomery; her son-in-law: Grady Thomas, Panama City Beach, Fla.; several nieces and nephews.

BENJAMIN L. JOHNSON

Mr. Benjamin L. "Ben" Johnson, age 65, of Ozark, Ala., died Friday, July 21, 2006, in Flowers Hospital as a result of injuries sustained in an automobile accident.

Mr. Johnson was born January 14, 1941 in Headland to the late Clara Louise Stevens Johnson and Buell Don Johnson Sr.

Funeral services were held July 24, 2006 from the First United Methodist Church of Ozark with Rev. Roger Miller officiating. Burial followed in the Woodlawn Memory Gardens with Holman Funeral Home of Ozark directing.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to the First United Methodist Church of Ozark, 167 East Broad Street, Ozark, Alabama 36360.

Mr. Johnson was preceded in death by his wife, Susanne Holman Patterson Johnson.

Survivors include his wife of 27 years: Debra Johnson, Ozark; one daughter: Lynn (husband, Roger) Miller, Elba, two sons: Brandon Buell (wife, Christi) Johnson, Auburn, Ala., Robert Johnson, Chicago, Ill., one sister: Sara (husband, Jimmy) Skipper, Newton, Ala.; one brother: Don (wife, Nan) Johnson, Headland, Ala.; four grandchildren: Stephanie Miller, Josh Miller, Nathan Miller and Julia Johnson.

LLOYD MADISON CROOK

Mr. Lloyd Madison Crook, age 91, a lifelong resident of Elba and Coffee County, Ala., died peacefully Thursday, July 20, 2006 at Decatur General Hospital in Decatur, Ala.

Mr. Crook received a BS degree from Troy State University, formerly Troy State Teachers College, and a MS degree from Auburn University. He taught math and science for many years in Coffee and Covington counties; he worked for the State Department of Education as math and science consultant, and after retirement he along with his wife, Cupidean, served as area coordinators for the Alabama Retired Teachers Association for eight years covering 19 counties.

Funeral services were held July 25, 2006 at 11 a.m. at Elba United Methodist Church with Rev. Dr. Kevin Ellington officiating. A family committal serv-

ice will follow in the Evergreen Cemetery of Elba with Hayes Funeral Home directing.

The Crook family requests memorials to Elba United Methodist Church or Evergreen Cemetery Fund. The Men's Bible Class of Elba United Methodist Church is serving as honorary pallbearers.

Mr. Crook was preceded in death by his father, Walter Drane Crook; mother, Rhettie Head Crook; four brothers, Bruce K. Crook, Kermit G. Crook, Basil Crook and Dr. Donald H. Crook.

Survivors include his wife: Cupidean Martin Crook, Elba; his daughter: Lynda C. New and son-in-law: Dr. Gerald New, Decatur; one sister: Merle Arwood, Alpharetta, Ga.; one grandson: Dr. Troy Gerald New Jr. (wife, Tracy New), Southlake, Texas; two granddaughters: Jennifer New Ellington (husband, Rev. Dr. Kevin Ellington), Woodstock, Ga., Johanna New Simpson (husband, Ryan Simpson), Murfreesboro, Tenn.; and eight great-grandchildren.

MARIE PURVIS

Mrs. Marie Purvis, age 84, of Elba, Ala., died Saturday, July 22, 2006 at her home in Elba.

Funeral services were held July 25, 2006 from the Chapel

of Hayes Funeral Home in Elba with Rev. Lamar Nolin officiating. Burial followed in the Bethany Baptist Church Cemetery, New Brockton, Ala., with Hayes Funeral Home directing.

Survivors include her husband: Wallace Purvis, of Elba; son: Dr. Mitchell "Mitch" (wife, Joyce) Purvis; grandson: Ben Purvis; granddaughter: Sara Purvis; and brother: Bonner Windham, all of Elba.

VERA EIDSON HARPER

Mrs. Vera Eidson Harper, age 85, of Pensacola, Fla., died Sunday, July 23, 2006 in a local nursing facility.

She was born April 1, 1921 in Pike County, Ala. Mrs. Harper was the wife of Joseph Frank Harper and daughter-in-law of Emma Blanche Crosby Harper and Samuel Bell Harper, original settlers of Coffee County, Ala. Mrs. Harper taught for the Okaloosa County School System for 27.4 years before retiring.

Funeral services will be Friday, July 28, 2006, at 10 a.m. in the Eastern Gate Memorial Funeral Home. Burial will follow in the Evergreen Cemetery in Elba, Ala. The family will receive friends Friday, July 28, from 9 a.m. until service time at Eastern Gate Memorial Funeral

Home. She was preceded in death by her husband, Joseph Harper; and parents, Lorenzo and Marenda Connor Eidson.

Survivors include two daughters: Judy Garrett and Janice (Daniel) Burkitt, two sisters: Mildred Sheen and Margaret Reynolds, six grandchildren: Jack Garrett III, John Garrett, Jeremy Burkitt, Jared Burkitt, Jayne McCombs and Caleb Burkitt, six great-grandchildren and one great-great-grandchild.

DORA GLADYS AMMONS ROLING

Mrs. Dora Gladys Ammons Roling, age 96, of Troy, Ala., died Sunday, July 23, 2006. She was a graduate of Troy Normal School and Troy State Teachers College, taught in the Pike County School System for 39 years and was a member of numerous educational organizations. She served as vice president of The Alabama Educational Association in the early 1960s.

Funeral services will be held July 27, 2006, at 11 a.m. from Southside Baptist Church in Troy with Reverends Ken May and Bo Weed officiating. A private family graveside service will follow.

Memorials may be made to Southside Baptist Church

Building Fund. She was preceded in death by her husband, Glen. Survivors include one son: Jim (Angie) Roling, Troy; one daughter: Glen-Dora Roling, Snellville, Ga.; one grand daughter: Caylor Roling, Portland, Ore.; her niece: Rachel (Jimmy) Bryan, Jack, Ala.; and her nephew: Josh Ammons, Abilene, Texas.

COONIE KILLINGSWORTH DISMUKES
Mrs. Connie Lou Killingsworth Dismukes, age 94, died Thursday, July 20, 2006 at Columbus Medical Center. She was born in Coffee County, Ala., on May 4, 1912, and lived the majority of her life there. For the past several years she had been a resident of Phenix City, Ala.

Funeral services were held July 22, 2006 at New Hope Baptist Church with Reverend Jerry Long officiating. Burial followed at New Hope Cemetery. The family requests memorials be made to New Hope Cemetery Foundation Inc., 5711 County Road 114, Brundidge, Alabama 36010.

Mrs. Dismukes was preceded in death by her husband, Eugene Vester "Gene" Dismukes; parents, Samson and Penny Killingsworth; and step-children, Norma Griswold, Erma Jean Roberson, Jim Mack Dismukes and Mary Claude Kelley.

Survivors include four sons: Joe Samson (Betty) Dismukes, Bill R. (Marie) Dismukes, Don V. (Sybil) Dismukes and George W. Dismukes, 11 grandchildren: Reed (Eve) Dismukes, Donna (Greg) Dorriety, Stephanie (Kirk) Roberts, Ashley (Lois) Dismukes, Dennis (Kim) Dismukes, Derryl (Amy) Dismukes, Sabrina (David) Shea, Vicky (John) Meadows, Peggy Dismukes, Diane Dismukes and Renae (J. R.) Smith; and 20 great-grandchildren.

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SPORTS

Views from....

The Pressbox

By Ricky Mularz, Sports Editor

Melanie had her senior portraits made early this week and I guess that makes it official that my baby girl is really a senior in high school. Melanie was only in the seventh grade when her older sister graduated, and it never even crossed my mind at the time that one day in the not so distant future my little girl would also walk across the stage. I hope retirement is as good as people say, because the rest of the things that come with growing old aren't that much fun!

FOR WHAT IT IS WORTH....

*** The All-Star season is now officially over for the teams from Elba, and as good as the teams were, I can't help but wonder how good they might have been if all the youngsters that should have been on the team would have agreed to take part. There were a number of players in just about every age group that chose not to participate after the regular season ended, and in Dixie Boys the league failed to even field an All-Star team in the 13-year-old division when only six players out of the eighteen that were eligible said they wanted to play. Every player that made the All-Star teams worked hard and played hard to be the best they could be, and there is no doubt the 2006 summer season was one of the best ever. I just wonder what might have been.

Registration is now underway for youth football and cheerleading and I hope the parents here in Elba encourage their children to sign up and be a part of the fall sports season. I have heard a few parents say their kids wanted to play, but that they had tickets to a college football game, or that they didn't want to give up six week-ends going to watch youth football games. A lot of people blame the youth when they discuss the decline in numbers that take part in athletics. However, I think a lot of the decline can be traced back to the parents that talk their children out of playing sports so that they can do what they want to do. C'mon folks, encourage your children to get out of the house and get involved in athletics. It could make a big difference in years to come when they get older and start to look for other things to do.

*** Dan Washburn announced last week he was stepping down as the Executive Director of the Alabama High School Athletic Association after sixteen years at the helm, and while many coaches and administrators may be glad to see him go, Mr. Washburn has guided the AHSAA through some years that saw huge changes in society and he never once backed down as he kept the association on course. He refused to allow the youth to follow many of their peers when it came to high school athletics, put strict rules in place to police actions of players, coaches and fans at athletic events, and this year has added fines to punishments when a player or coach is ejected from a game. Mr. Washburn has been tough and has ruled with somewhat of an iron fist during his years at the AHSAA. However, high school athletics is still alive and well here in Alabama, and he is a major reason for the strides taken in recent years.

*** It was announced last week that the AHSAA is considering moving the Southwest Regional basketball tournament out of Mobile, at least for one year. The organization's central board was to consider a proposal from Alabama State University to serve as the host of the annual event, and some believe the event may move yearly between Mobile and Montgomery. The idea of moving the tournament on a yearly basis might be a good idea, and might be one that would work at the other venues across the state.

*** In closing.... the high school football season is now only a month away and that means high school and college fans will soon be talking big about their favorite teams and how good they are going to be. One of my friends is a die-hard fan that always talks trash, and seems to wear nothing that doesn't have his favorite teams logo somewhere on it. While he is fun to be around, I can tell it is as good as he gives it, this time of the year can be a little trying to those who just enjoy high school and college sports. Oh well, just sit back and enjoy it...football season is here!

New Brockton to host youth football camp July 29 for players ages 6-12

The New Brockton Athletic Club will host a youth football camp on Saturday, July 29, for all boys and girls ages 6-12, at the New Brockton High School football stadium. The fee for the camp will be \$30 per player, and

the camp will last from 9:00 AM until 12 (noon). Registration will begin at 8:00 AM, and all campers will receive a t-shirt. For more information call 897-0530.

Zion Chapel to host youth football and cheerleading camp July 31-August 1

Zion Chapel will host youth football and cheerleading camps at Zion Chapel High School on Monday and Tuesday, July 31-August 1, from 6:00 PM until 8:00 PM. The camps will be conducted by the varsity foot-

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At Dixie Youth District tourney

Elba and Brantley All-Stars tie for third

The Elba All-Stars and Brantley All-Stars both claimed two wins last week before being ousted at the Dixie Youth District 9 Baseball Tournament and placed in a tie for third place in the seven-team event, held at Elba's Legion Field Park.

Greenville, which outscored its first three opponents 43-4, squeezed past Luverne 1-0 in the championship game to earn a berth in the state tournament, while Luverne posted a 3-2 tournament record and placed second.

Following are highlights of the final two games played by Elba and Brantley.

ELBA ALL-STARS

ELBA 8 SLOCOMB 7
The Elba All-Stars rallied from an early 6-0 deficit to claim a wild 8-7 win over the Slocomb All-Stars in their third round game.

Slocomb combined six hits with three walks to jump out to a 6-0 lead in the top of the second and appeared headed for an easy win, but the Elba All-Stars had other ideas and began their comeback by getting on the scoreboard in their half of the frame. Tyler Anderson reached on an error with one out to start the early rally, and later scored when Bo Wiggins delivered a two-out RBI single.

Elba continued its comeback in the third as the All-Stars plated three runs to pull within 6-4. A lead-off walk to Jake Carnley ignited the Elba fireworks, while a two-out walk to Chace Sauls gave the All-Stars two runners on base with the heart of the batting order coming up. A single up the middle by Jeremy Duncan drove in Carnley to cut the lead to 6-2, and Gunnar McCollough followed with a two-run triple as the All-Stars pulled to within 6-4 after three innings of play.

The Elba All-Stars came all the way back in the fourth as they added three more runs to grab a 7-6 advantage. A one-out double off the bat of Tyler Anderson sparked the rally, while consecutive singles by Austin Johnson, Austin Money and Bo Wiggins resulted in three Elba runs as the All-Stars wiped away the early deficit and took their first lead of the night.

Slocomb combined two hits with one error in the top of the sixth to pull even at 7-7. However, Elba was ready to rally again and this time pulled out the win when Dylan Seay came to the plate with one out and blasted a solo home-run high into the trees in center field to give the All-Stars the wild 8-7 win!

Tyler Anderson had 2 hits and scored 2 runs to lead Elba at the plate, while Bo Wiggins added 2 hits and Chace Sauls, Jeremy Duncan, Dylan Seay, Austin Johnson and Austin Money all added 1 hit and scored 1 run. Gunnar McCollough added 1 hit and knocked in 2 runs and Hayes Spicer added 1 hit. Austin Money was the winning pitcher in relief as he pitched four and two-thirds innings and allowed one run on four hits.

LUVERNE 13 ELBA 3
The Elba All-Stars saw their tournament run hit a dead end in the semifinals as they were outscored by the Luverne All-Stars 13-3.

Luverne scored two runs in the top of the first inning and added three runs in the second to jump out to a quick 5-0 lead, only to see Elba get on the scoreboard in its half of the second when Harry Griffin lead off with a walk and later scored on a passed ball.

Luverne upped its lead to 6-1

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Elba All-Star outfielder Tyler Anderson makes a diving catch in action last week at the Dixie Youth District 9 Baseball Tournament, in Elba. The Elba All-Stars claimed two wins in the tournament to finish in a tie for third in the seven-team event.

(Mike Capps photo)



Ready for action.... A Brantley All-Star infielder waits for a grounder in action last week at the Dixie Youth District 9 Baseball Tournament, in Elba. Brantley finished in a tie for third place with a 2-2 record in the week long event.

(Mike Capps photo)

Brantley bounced right back and cut the lead in half when Matthew Holmes reached on a one-out single and later scored on an RBI single by Clint Kilcrease.

Brantley's Cameron Morgan walked and moved around to third in the third inning and teammate Matthew Holmes doubled and reached third base in the fifth. However, neither runner was able to reach the plate, and Brantley survived two Samson threats to hold on and claim the 1-0 decision.

Andrew Lowery had 1 hit and knocked in the game's only run to lead Brantley at the plate, while Matthew Holmes added 1 hit and Adam Hill scored the lone Brantley run. Hill was the winning pitcher as he pitched six innings and allowed one hit, while striking out 15 batters.

GREENVILLE 12 BRANTLEY 2

The Brantley All-Stars faced the Greenville All-Stars for the second time in semifinal action and suffered the same fate as they did in the opening game of the week long tournament as they were defeated 12-2.

Greenville combined three hits to grab a 2-0 lead in the top of the second inning, but

in the third and appeared to be in command. However, the Elba All-Stars again refused to quit and scored two runs in the bottom of the third to cut the deficit to 6-3. A lead-off single by Austin Money pumped life into the Elba line-up, while a one-out single by Jordan McDaniel knocked in one run and a two-out single by Seth Hanchey resulted in the second run as the All-Stars cut the Luverne lead in half.

Luverne answered the Elba rally with two runs of its own in the fourth to move on top 8-3, and this time the Elba All-Stars failed to mount a rally as Luverne's Jovely pulled away and claimed the 13-3 win.

Seth Hanchey had 2 hits to lead Elba at the plate, while Jordan McDaniel added 1 hit and scored 1 run. Chace Sauls and Austin Money had one hit apiece, and Harry Griffin and Bo Wiggins both scored 1 run.

BRANTLEY ALL-STARS

BRANTLEY 1 SAMSON 0

The Brantley All-Stars pushed across an unearned run in the bottom of the first inning and made it hold up as they edged past the Samson All-Stars 1-0, in third round action.

Adam Hill reached on an error to lead off the bottom of the first for Brantley, stole second and third, then raced home when Andrew Lowery came through with a clutch two-out RBI single.

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error off the bat of Holmes, but once again Brantley failed to take advantage of the scoring opportunity as Greenville turned a line drive up the middle into a double-play and after four innings Brantley was still down big at 6-2.

Greenville added four runs in the fifth and two more in the sixth, while Brantley strangled three more base-runners and took the loss 12-2.

Adam Hill and Matthew Holmes both had 1 hit and scored 1 run to lead Brantley at the plate, while Reid Kilcrease, Andrew Lowery, Zackery Wiley and Clint Kilcrease all added 1 hit.

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SPORTS

Youth football/cheerleader registration now underway in Elba for ages 6-12

The Elba Department of Parks and Recreation announced this week that registration is now underway for youth football and cheerleading for the upcoming Tri-County Youth Football League season.

The league will kick off its season on Saturday, Sept. 8, and will consist of a six-game regular season schedule and a Super Bowl for the top four teams in each age division. Teams in the league include Elba, New Brockton, Zion Chapel, Luverne, Brantley, Goshen, Highland Home and Arton.

The league includes three age divisions: Midget, ages 6-8;

Termite, ages 9-10; and PeeWee, ages 11-12. A player's age will be determined by his age on August 1, 2006. Weight limits are also in effect for running backs and linemen.

The registration fee is \$25 per player, with a \$60 maximum registration fee for families with more than two players. The entry fee includes use of a complete football uniform, including pants, pads, jersey and helmet. Players are allowed to keep their jerseys after the season ends, but must return all other equipment.

Cheerleading squads are also formed for each age division

and ages are based upon the same deadline. Registration fees for the cheerleaders are \$25 per person, with a maximum fee of \$60 for a family with more than two cheerleaders. Cheerleaders will be responsible for their squad uniforms, but will receive pom-poms that they are allowed to keep when the season ends.

For more information contact the Elba Department of Parks and Recreation, 764 North Claxton Avenue, Elba, Alabama. Phone number is 897-6833, and forms are available at the Recreation Center, City Hall and the Elba City Pool. Registration ends on August 11.

Special races held at SAS for two divisions

By Mark Chisum

South Alabama Speedway scheduled special races for the Modified and Roadrunner classes Saturday night. Billy Melvin traveled from Trussville to take the win in the 35-lap Modified Feature while Ozark's Charles Gardner took home the winner's trophy in the 50-lap Roadrunner Feature.

In the Modified Feature, Melvin started on the outside front row beside Kevin Peel. Peel led Melvin into turn one but Melvin was out front as they headed down the backstretch. Melvin gained a car length advantage over Peel as the field settled in to turn a few laps. On lap 6, the caution flew when Peel's ride came to a stop after experiencing suspension problems. With his stiffest competition out of the way, Melvin cruised home. Kip Whitehead kept Melvin in his sights the rest of the way, but never challenged for the front spot. Whitehead followed Melvin by three car lengths as the checkers waved.

In the Roadrunner Feature, Billy Mack took the lead from the pole. Jason Singletary, Jerry Hudson, and John Singletary chased Maxie in the early going. Gardner moved into contention on a lap eight restart. Gardner moved into third behind Mack and Jason Singletary and went to work on Singletary. On lap 22, Gardner moved past Singletary to move into second behind Maxie. John Singletary followed Gardner past his brother. The race went green on lap 19 and Gardner was unable to erase Maxie's lead on the track. However, in post race inspection, Maxie was disqualified for illegal rocker arms giving Gardner the win.

Billy Ammons picked up another win in the Street Stock Feature. Ammons started fifth but was sent to the rear of the field for jumping the start. It was just a slight delay for Ammons who quickly moved through the field. Ammons passed Bill Bethea III on lap eight to take the lead. Once out front, Ammons eased away from Bethea to take the win. Bethea's second place finish was disqualified for illegal rocker arms.

Lee Phillips took the lead on lap three and went on to win the Coyote Feature. Early leader David Cullifer chased Phillips the rest of the race but settled for second.

With the Super Stock class off, Will Mack jumped into a Cuplate, and came away with similar results, a trip to Victory lane. Mack took the early lead before Greg Adams took over on lap five. Adams' night came to an end on lap 14 and Mack took back-over control. Mack held off Ken Younce Sr to take the win.

For more information, contact the track at (334)565-3539, or visit the track's web site at www.southalabamiaspeedway.com

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DISTRICT RUNNER-UP - The Elba Dixie Debs All-Stars placed second in recent District Tournament action in Andalusia. Team members included (kneeling, l-r) Toshamba Jones, Ashley Carpenter, Arika Mount, Heather Reeves, (standing, l-r) Haley Simson, Coach Rusty King, Amy King, Coach Ricky Mularz, Valarie Hutchinson, Melanie Mularz, Coach Ronnie Caldwell, Kayla Miller, Brandy Caldwell and Shea Brantley.

(Laura Baxley photo)

EOCC to host youth basketball camp this week

Enterprise-Ozark Community College has one summer basketball camp scheduled in July.

"Post position camp will be July 27-29, and will run 1:30-6 p.m. the first two days, and from 9 a.m. - noon on July 27, which is a Saturday. Cost is \$65."

T-shirts are included in the cost for both camps.

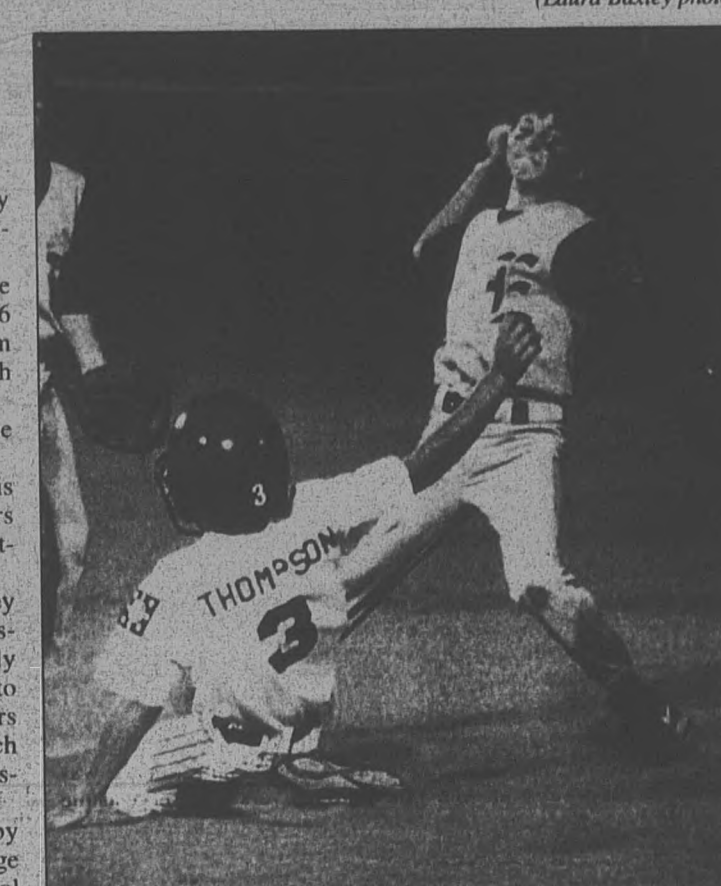
One of this camp's purposes is to answer questions players have about a future in basketball.

"So many youngsters say they want to play college or professional basketball but they really have no idea what it takes to play at those levels," Ayers explained. "We will teach campers drills used by professional teams."

Ayers will be assisted by EOCC faculty member George Scott, an Enterprise High School graduate, who played collegiately at Southern Miss and professionally in Europe before returning to his home town.

"In this camp we will demonstrate exactly what players need to work on and show them how to improve," Ayers said. "They will leave the camp with good information about playing basketball at the highest level."

To pre-register or for further information about these camps, call Ayers at 347-2623, extension 2303.



Elba All-Star second-baseman Matthew Marler makes the turn at second as he attempts to complete a double-play in recent Dixie Minor District 9 Baseball Tournament action. The Elba All-Stars lost to Greenville and Enterprise at the nine-team event, held in Geneva.

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COMMUNITY NEWS

Spend vacation helping The Vineyard Christian Retreat

Mission trip brings Reynolds Baptist Builders from Texas to Coffee County

Al-h-h vacation. For most people the word evokes a time of fun and relaxation. Not true for the Reynolds Family of Huntsville, Texas. Of course this family does have lots of fun, but not much time to relax.

Beginning in 1978, four Reynolds brothers, Reed, George, Buddy, and G.G. decided they wanted to do more than just satisfy themselves with a fun-filled adventure. They wanted to serve their Lord by serving their fellow man.

Every year since 1978, the brothers, their families, and an inner circle of friends have taken a mission trip somewhere across the United States. They call themselves the Reynolds Baptist Builders.

The Reynolds Family is in the construction business. They learn of needs through the North American Home Mission Board and other sources. Their experience varies, but the family is most skilled in roofing, framing and concrete finishing.

When the Reynolds brothers learned The Vineyard Christian Retreat Center needed a cabin built, they made their way from Texas to Coffee County.

Climbing on top of rafters and nailing down a tin roof in 90+ temperatures proved a real adventure! In a matter of days, a cabin by the lake was framed with board and batten and sporting a shiny tin roof! While part of the 39 member team was working on the construction of the cabin, others were helping to prepare the Vineyard Manager's home for occupancy.



SERVING THE LORD ON VACATION... The Reynolds Family of Texas made their way from Texas to Coffee County this July to spend their summer vacation helping to build a cabin at The Vineyard Christian Retreat. Calling themselves the Reynolds Baptist Builders, the family takes a mission trip somewhere across the United States every year. This annual "vacation" began in 1978 when the four Reynolds brothers decided they wanted to do more than just satisfy themselves with a fun-filled adventure. They wanted to serve their Lord by serving their fellow man. This year, The Vineyard received the fruits of their labor.

The vacation this July has not been all work. A little time for swimming, enjoying the lakes and lots of good food was enjoyed by even the youngest in the group who happened to be six months of age.

The Reynolds family and friends are part of several church families. Churches represented in this group include: University Heights Baptist, Second Baptist Huntsville, Elkins Lake Baptist in Huntsville, Texas, Elwood Baptist, Midway, Texas, and Mesquite Hill, Madisonville,

Texas. Pleasant Grove Church was also represented.

As was stated in the beginning, the Reynolds Baptist Builders may not get to do a lot of resting and relaxing on their annual summer vacations, but they do a lot of reaping.... eternal rewards.

The Vineyard Christian Retreat Center has received the fruits of these Texans labor and extend a big Alabama "thank-you!"

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Auction fundraiser planned to benefit Elba Community Playground Project

An auction is being organized as a fund raising event to benefit the Elba Community Playground.

While a date is not yet confirmed, local citizens can already help make this event a success. Auction organizers are asking citizens to go through their closets, storage facilities, etc., looking for items that can be donated for auction.

Anything other than clothes, shoes or personal items can be donated for the auction. A Mobile Attic will be placed at the Elba Recreation Center on Claxton Avenue for donations to be stored.

Additional information on this fundraising event will be forthcoming.

Taxpayers reminded that E-file available through October 16

The Internal Revenue Service reminds taxpayers that electronic filing (e-file) is available through Oct. 16, 2006. About 115,000 Alabama taxpayers filed extensions and could use e-file when they file this summer or fall.

Last year, more than 33,000 Alabama taxpayers filed electronically after the April deadline. This year, through April 20 alone, 1.19 million federal tax returns were e-filed in Alabama (257,000 from home computers).

E-filing is convenient, safe and secure, and taxpayers receive confirmation to keep with their records. Those who wish to use e-file can file

through:

- A tax professional — Use the Authorized IRS e-file Provider Locator Service or check the Individual e-file Providers page on the IRS Web site (www.irs.gov) to find tax professionals who offer e-file.
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- The Free File Alliance —

Taxpayers with an adjusted gross income (AGI) of \$50,000 or less may be eligible to receive free tax return preparation and electronic filing through a partnership agreement between the IRS and the Free File Alliance, LLC. For more information, visit the Free File page on IRS.gov.

E-file is available to any taxpayer who has not yet filed their 2005 federal income tax return. That includes those who filed an extension request and those who did not.

For more information, taxpayers should contact their tax professional or visit IRS.gov and click on the e-file logo on the front page.

Alabama Power offers summer energy-saving tips

With temperatures soaring above 100 degrees, Alabama Power offers these summer tips to conserve energy and save on electricity bills.

- Set the thermostat at 78 degrees or slightly higher. The monthly savings could be between 3 percent and 5 percent. Raise the thermostat higher when away from home for extended periods.
- Clean or change the air conditioner filter regularly. A dirty filter cuts down on air flow and reduces efficiency. Air conditioners are the biggest source of electric use during the summer. In many homes,

air conditioning accounts for more than half the electric bill.

- Close drapes or blinds during the day to reduce heat from direct sunlight.
- Use room or ceiling fans to circulate air.
- Use fluorescent lights instead of incandescent lamps when possible. Fluorescent lights last about 10 times longer and produce more light for the same amount of energy.
- When buying a new air conditioning unit or heat pump, select one with a higher Seasonal Energy Efficiency Rating (SEER). The higher the SEER, the more efficient the unit.

• Use smaller appliances such as crock-pots, toaster ovens and electric kettles whenever possible to save energy.

- Instead of heating the oven on hot days, use the microwave. If you are using the oven, avoid opening the door, which can let out 20 percent of the heat. When using the stovetop, choose pans that match the size of the burners. This cuts down on heat lost to the air.
- Use the dishwasher only when you have a full load. Smaller loads use the same amount of water and power.
- Use heat-producing appliances such as your dryer, dishwasher and range during the cooler nighttime hours.

Wash full laundry loads rather than washing multiple small loads. Clean the lint filter after every dryer load. Clothes will dry faster and it will save energy.

Minimize door traffic. The hot air causes your air conditioner to run more and which places an additional load on your unit and increases your energy bill.

Add insulation in the attic. Better attic insulation can save as much as 30 percent on cooling and heating costs. Insulation is measured in R-value. The higher the R-value, the better the insulation. Insulation of R-30 is recommended.

Ensure that exterior windows and doors close snugly. This will keep the warm out and cool air in. Apply weather stripping and caulking where needed. Proper insulation can make a big difference in keeping a house cooler in the summer.

In addition to energy saving tips, customers can get a customized Energy Check Up in as little as five minutes by going to alabamapower.com. Customers can take the easy Check Up or the extended check up and get customized information on ways to save on their energy bill.

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Elba High School student Lauren McClung (right) was recognized as a Samsung American Legion Scholarship National Finalist while participating at the 64th Alabama Girls State. McClung was recognized by Judy Powe (left), a representative with the Alabama American Legion Auxiliary.

Lauren McClung named scholarship national finalist

Elba High School Senior Lauren McClung was named as a Samsung American Legion Scholarship National Finalist.

The announcement came as part of Lauren participating at the 64th Alabama Girls State held at Troy University. Lauren is the daughter of Yvette and Wayne Akridge and John McClung.

In making the announcement, Judy Powe with the Alabama American Legion Auxiliary, said Lauren was selected as a Samsung American Legion Scholarship National Finalist on the basis of her excellent and well-rounded application that covered her academic record and her school and community involvement.

To be considered for this honor, a candidate must be a high school junior who participates in an American Legion Auxiliary Girls State Program. She must also be a direct descendant of a veteran in the United States of America who served in active duty during a period of war, with a special preference given for descendants of Korean War veterans.

Lauren's maternal grandfather

Joe Gruzza served in the U.S. Army during the Korean War and World War II. Her paternal grandfather, Joe McClung served in the U.S. Army during Vietnam.

As a finalist Lauren will receive a \$1,000 scholarship and competes with the 99 other finalists from Boys and Girls States across the country for one of nine \$20,000 scholarships.

The Samsung American Legion scholarship is funded from the earnings of a \$5-million endowment given by Samsung. Samsung, in recognition of the sacrifice and commitment of United States servicemen and women who served during the Korean War to maintain the security of the Korean peninsula, joined with the American Legion to offer an educational opportunity to the descendants of war-time veterans who have honorably served.

Lauren's maternal grandfather

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uation requirements should make prior arrangement with their local high school system. Special admissions criteria must be met for both dual enrollment and accelerated courses.

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COMMUNITY NEWS

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Baptist Vineyard, Shepherds State Children's Home and a pathway house for girls. He also said this will provide a minimum decrease 8-10 minutes in response time to the most distant east and northeast points from Hwy. 167 and Hwy. 51 and even greater reduction in response time to the addresses closer to Hwy. 167 and Hwy. 51.

"This will be a significant advantage to those people by accepting it (the proposal)," Webb said to commissioners.

In other business, commissioners:

- Voted to reject bids for both the Zion Chapel Senior Citizen Center project and the NRCS office expansion project. County administrator Wilson Mobley said the bid amounts were greater than the available grant funds.

- Voted to discontinue the services of the architect, Donofree and Associates, for the above mentioned projects, and advertise for proposals from other architectural firms.

- Voted to approve a landfill credit application for the Alabama Department of Transportation.

- Voted by a 4-2-1 vote to offer a previously advertised position for a new solid waste clerk to Laouda Miller at step five on the county's pay scale bracket. Commission chairman Bernest Brooks abstained from the vote, and commissioners Dalrymple and Jim Thompson cast the opposing votes.

Dalrymple said he had no problem offering the job to Miller. Instead, he said his opposition was in regards to the wage. He said the step proposed in the motion offers a higher pay rate than what was previously set up

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24 by area volunteers. The mayor reported making contact with a Ft. Rucker unit which will probably be assisting with this work.

Grantham also asked that area citizens be patient with the sewer line replacement in the downtown area. The contract calls for completion in 90 days from start and they are on schedule. When completed the replaced sewer lines will be in A-1 shape and the streets will be resurfaced.

Mayor Grimes reported the three city maintained bridges within the city limits were recently inspected and the Caroline Street Bridge needs repairs totaling over \$14,000, according to one estimate. One bid on replacing the concrete around seven steel pilings has been received but council members asked that additional bids be requested.

In addition to the concrete, rip-rap (rocks) is needed at the West end of the bridge to curb erosion and painting is needed underneath the bridge. Grimes said he hoped city crews could handle the painting work. Councilman Harold Spicer

for that position.

The next meeting of the Coffee County Commission will be Monday, Aug. 14, at 9 a.m. in the community room of the county complex in New Brockton.

expressed concern for the safety of city workers noting he witnessed one grass cutter stepping off a trailer almost into the path of a moving vehicle. He urged action be taken to install additional safety measures around work areas.

Councilman Mike McKee suggested getting work release assistance to pick up trash, either ahead or behind the mowing crews along the highways.

Councilman Ronnie Hammond asked that week cutting and cleaning be done on both sides off Martin L. King Drive, just outside the levee.

A request from Councilman Tom Hooks was that the clay and mud be cleaned from the remaining pavement in the sewer repair areas. He noted this would help motorists a lot during this period of repairs and torn up streets.

Republican

Women of Coffee County to meet Aug. 16th

The Republican Women of Coffee County will hold their monthly meeting/lucehon on August 16th, 11 AM to 1 PM Social/Lunch/Program at Po-Fols.

This month's speaker will be Dwight Adams, the Republican candidate for the Alabama State Senate District 31.

Call Jan White for reservation and info, 348-2451.

Elba's Laura Rowell crowned 2006 Miss Limestone Rodeo

The 24th Annual Limestone Sheriff's Rodeo culminated recently with the crowning of Elba's own, Laura Rowell as Miss Limestone Rodeo, 2006. This followed weeks of fierce competition in a pageantry event that drew contestants from all over the Southeast.

The daughter of James and Laura D. Rowell, Laura is a 1999 graduate of Kinston High School, and a 2003 graduate of Enterprise-Oak Community College. She is currently attending Troy University and will be a December graduate with a Bachelor's Degree in Biology.

"We are very fortunate to have Laura serve as our ambassador for this next year. She is a very classy young woman and we look forward to working with her during her reign as Queen," said Sheriff Mike Blakely. "This was a close competition and we are proud this event attracts such a great caliber of young people to participate," added Sheriff Blakely.

In addition to the overall title, Laura won the Speech, Most Photogenic, and Horsemanship awards. She received a custom-made trophy saddle, jewelry, and set of luggage, and a



Laura Rowell

\$1,000.00 scholarship.

After graduation, Laura intends to further her education by completing a 12-month internship at the Baptist Medical Center Montgomery school of Medical Technology. With this certification, Laura can attain her dream of becoming a forensic analyst. She is gaining experience in the field through her current employment at Mizell Memorial Hospital as a phlebotomist and laboratory assistant.

Raised on a working ranch, Laura is no stranger to horses, rodeo, or hard work. She has been actively involved in the major operations on the family ranch such as training and showing horses. Her other interests include outdoor activities such as hunting, fishing, and shooting skeet. "With horses and rodeo being such a major part of my life, I am looking forward to representing the Limestone Sheriff's Rodeo throughout the coming year. This is a wonderful family oriented community event, and it will be an honor to promote it this coming year," said Miss Rowell.

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Riley to speak at Troy University commencement

Gov. Bob Riley will deliver the address at Troy University's summer commencement ceremony scheduled for Friday, Aug. 4, beginning at 10:30 a.m. in Sartain Hall.

Dr. Jack Hawkins, Jr., chancellor, will award degrees to approximately 220 graduates from 16 U.S. states and 11 nations. More than 130 students will receive baccalaureate degrees and approximately 90 students will earn master's degrees.



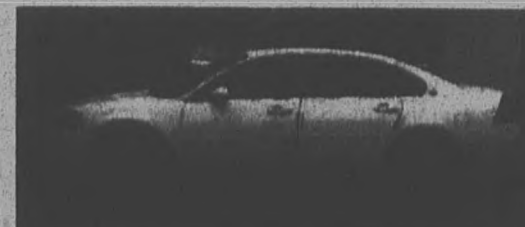








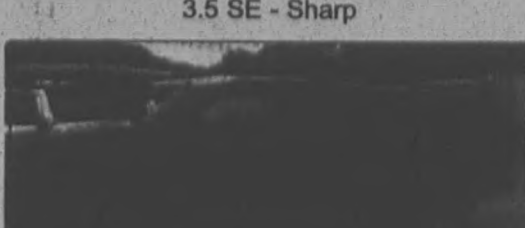

Chancellor Hawkins will also recognize 23 students from the People's Republic of China who

are participants in the University's 1-2-1 program. These students spend their freshman years at a university in China, study at Troy University for their sophomore and junior years and then return to their partner university to complete their degrees. The students will earn a dual degree from both TROY and their home universities.

Governor Bob Riley was sworn into office as Alabama's 52nd chief executive on Jan. 20, 2003, after representing the state for six years in the United States Congress.

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